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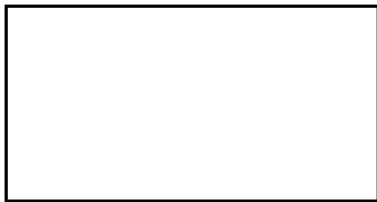
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Pathet Lao representatives arrived in Vientiane on 18 September for meetings of mixed political and military commissions to negotiate the details of a settlement with the royal government. These meetings are expected to begin within the next few days.

Comment

In view of Pathet stalling on negotiations, a speedy settlement appears unlikely. In any event, the chief government negotiator has been instructed to refer all matters of major disagreement to Prime Minister Souvanna Phouma, who will not return from France until about 1 October. [redacted]

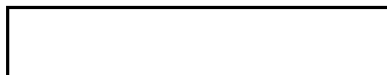
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BIWEEKLY SUMMARY
(6-19 September 1956)

THE TAIWAN STRAIT

**Report of the IAC Current Intelligence Group
for the Taiwan Strait Problem**

1. There were no significant combat operations in the area during the period. [redacted] 25X1A

2. At the Eighth Congress of the Chinese Communist Party meeting in Peiping, comparatively limited attention was given to Taiwan, with speakers merely restating the Chinese Communist position on the issue. While emphasizing the theme of "peaceful liberation," Liu Shao-chi, the ranking Chinese Communist after Mao Tse-tung, asserted that Peiping would not hesitate to use force against Taiwan "when all possibilities for peaceful negotiations have been exhausted or when peaceful negotiations have failed." [redacted]

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TAIWAN STRAIT SITUATION

CHINESE COMMUNIST AIRFIELD LEGEND:

DESIGNATIONS	PRIMARY AIRFIELD CONSIDERED MOST IMPORTANT IN AREA WITH PREPARED RUNWAY GENERALLY 5000 FEET OR LONGER.	SECONDARY AIRFIELD AUXILIARY OR EMERGENCY BASES OR FIELDS OF LESSER IMPORTANCE. RUNWAYS GENERALLY LESS THAN 5000 FEET.
ACTIVE BASE FOR MILITARY & CIVILIAN AIR- CRAFT. SOME BASES USED BY PISTON TYPES MAY BE USABLE BY JETS	● OPERATIONAL ▲	
INACTIVE BASES CAPABLE OF USE BY AIRCRAFT	◐ SERVICEABLE ◑	
CURRENT STATUS UNDETERMINED	◒ UNKNOWN ◓	

USABILITY

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MIG-15	TU-2		
MIG-17	IL-10		
IU-4	LA-9/11		
IU-28	LI-2		
	ETC.	UNKNOWN	UNDER CONSTRUCTION

* FIELDS NOT CONSIDERED CAPABLE
OF SUPPORTING SUSTAINED OPER-
ATIONS AT PRESENT.

